

MGCC Environment Committee
November 2017 notes

Sustainable to go packaging ordinance

- Only 2 council members voted in favor of the ordinance
- Tolbert called the vote back in one year because he felt there was too much stick, not enough carrot
- Hamline Midway and Sustain Ward 3 are interested in forming a committee to advocate city-wide
- Working on a mission statement for the committee – “ACE solid waste – advocacy, connection, education”
- Would like to get city environment committees together with first meeting sometime in January 2018
- Committee members should send any ideas and indicate interest to Erin and Kristina

CRWD grant update

- Liz and Britta met with Great River to learn more about what they’ve done
- Presenting to Randolph Heights PTA on December 4th
- Liz applied for a CRWD grant for 2018 to bring this presentation to other places

What’s next? Ideas, projects, committee leadership

- Britta met someone from Metro Blooms who wanted to know of any opportunities to collaborate (stormwater run off, permeable pavers, blooming boulevards)
- Changes to the MGCC garden awards – combine with larger, single site spring plant share
 - o Environment committee could get involved with this by promoting sustainable gardening practices
- Learn how to reduce waste in anticipation of organized trash collection
 - o In-home trainings
 - o Highlight financial savings
 - o Offer compost bins
 - o Workshops on various waste topics
 - o Waste sort
- Multifamily housing partnership with the City
- Off-campus student housing flyer to educate students on recycling
- New co-chairs
 - o David Soll and Sheila Sweeney are the new committee co-chairs!

Other updates

- Board and committee retreat scheduled for January 11th at 5:30 pm